

In The Claims:

2. (Twice Amended) The removable cleated outersole system of claim 1 further comprising:
 - an anchoring strap having a first end and a second end,
 - the first end connected to the elastically deformable band,
 - the second end connected to the elastically deformable band,
 - the sole surface having a toe cap sized to cover the toe portion of the athletic footcovering; and
 - a rigid substantially planar sole plate coupled to and supporting the sole surface, the sole plate formed in the same shape as the sole surface.
3. (Twice Amended) The removable cleated outersole system of claim 2 wherein the anchoring strap is releasably connected to the deformable band and wherein the plurality of sport cleats are turf knobs formed as part of the bottom side of the sole surface of the removable cleated outersole.
4. (Twice Amended) The removable cleated outersole system of claim 1 wherein the elastically deformable band has a tapered cross-section, is made with spandex rubber and is the sole means for attaching the outersole to the athletic footcovering.
5. (Twice Amended) The removable cleated outersole system of claim 1 wherein the sole surface includes a rigid sole plate, the rigid sole plate sized to have the same perimeter shape and dimensions as the treaded bottom of the athletic footcovering.
6. (Amended) The removable cleated outersole system of claim 5 wherein the sport cleats are one of a soccer cleat, a rugby cleat, a baseball spike, a football spike, and a track sprinter's spike.

7. (Twice Amended) The removable cleated outersole system of claim 5 wherein the sport cleats are in the shape of a truncated cone with conical sides and have at least two different heights relative to one another when measured from a bottom of the sole surface.

Please cancel claim 12 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

12. (Canceled) The athletic footcovering of claim 8 wherein the removable outersole contains a rigid sole plate.